

Appl. No. 10/623,125
Amtd. dated July 27, 2004
Reply to Office Action of June 28, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action Summary mailed June 28, 2004. This response is considered to be timely since it is being filed on July 27, 2004 and the shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire one month from the mailing date of the communication. In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims into two groups:

Group I: Claims 1-3 and 6, drawn to a die press system; and

Group II: Claims 4-5, drawn to a cutting die.

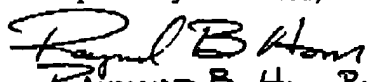
The Applicant elects Group I for prosecution in the present application, and without prejudice to pursue cancelled claims 4-5 in a divisional patent application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

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